



Maricopa County
Animal Care and Control



January 2006

Calendar of Orientations and Training

You must attend a Volunteer Orientation before you may begin volunteering for AC&C

To sign up for an Orientation/Training, for more information on volunteering for AC&C, or for future orientation dates, please contact David Weissman at 602-372-2750 or email: dweissman@mail.maricopa.gov

East Shelter:

Maricopa County Animal Care & Control East Side Care Center, 2603 W. 8th St., Mesa.

West Shelter:

Classes held at Maricopa County Dept. of Transportation, 2901 W. Durango, Phoenix.

If you are going to work in any capacity where you will have contact with animals/public, you must also attend an Animal Handling Class. See below for list of dates.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25, 2006

General Volunteer Orientation - EAST SHELTER

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **There will be a tour of the shelter facility as part of the orientation.**

THURSDAY JANUARY 26, 2006

Adoption Counseling – EAST SHELTER

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Learn adoption counseling skills from AC&C Deputy Director, Julie Bank and become qualified to help match members of the public with their new pets!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2006

General Volunteer Orientation - WEST SHELTER

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **There will be a tour of the shelter facility as part of the orientation.**

January 2006 Animal Handling Classes

Animal handling classes are offered at the Arizona Animal Welfare League free of charge to official AC&C volunteers. Please contact Candice at Candice@aawl.org to reserve your spot!

Sat 1/14

8am Dog Handling (Canine Handling)

9am Best Behaviors for Dogs

Sat 1/21

8am Social Behavior of Cats (Colony Cats)

9am Cat Body Language (Cat Defensive Handling)

Sun 1/29

8am Dog Handling (Canine Handling)

9am Dog Body Language (Interpreting Shelter Dogs)

Dog Handling: This class is designed to teach you defensive leash handling skills that will keep you, the dogs and others safe. You will be taught techniques that will increase your confidence and skill level to handle the most challenging dogs. You will also learn the safest method of removing dogs from and returning dogs to their kennels.

Dog/Cat Body Language: These are separate classes that will enable you to accurately observe and interpret a dog/cat's body language. This understanding will allow you to respond safely and appropriately when interacting with the animals. You will understand how your behavior and body language affects animals and how to use this information to better meet their needs.

Social Behavior of Cats: This class will help to clear up the seemingly mysterious social behavior of cats. You will learn a variety of ways to meet the behavior and emotional needs of shelter cats and how to decrease the stress level of their communal living.

Best Behaviors for Dogs: This class will show you how to meet the needs of shelter dogs while they are awaiting adoption. You will learn how to encourage behaviors that catch the attention of the public and those behaviors that allow for a smoother transition from shelter dog into a well-adjusted pet.